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Ninth Semi-Annual CSNA Convention

The MAR MONTE HOTEL in SANTA BARBARA will be the site for the ninth semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association, to be held Nov. 2, 3 and 4. Ever since the association was brought into being at Santa Barbara Feb. 22, 1947, it has been the desire of those who took part to return to that lovely city for one of our meetings. Located on Santa Barbara's famous beach, the Mar Monte hotel has ideal facilities for our meeting.

REGISTRATION will begin at 2:30 p.m. Friday afternoon and continue through Saturday. The registration fee of \$6 includes banquet and luncheon tickets and the convention badge which will be required for admission to the exhibit hall, auction, bourse and meeting rooms. The fee for the badge only has been set at \$2.

EXHIBITS will be placed beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2. Ribbons will be awarded for the best exhibits in the following groups: United States, Foreign, Ancient, Currency, Medals and Decorations, Junior and Novice exhibits and Dealer exhibits. Dealers thus will compete as a separate group rather than against collectors. Juniors likewise will compete as a separate group. An exhibit charge of 50 cents per case will be made to help defray expenses. Exhibitors will be limited to two cases until all have been

served. Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Emmons Building, Ontario, Calif., is in charge of exhibits. Please make reservations for cases with him as early as possible.

BOURSE space as usual will be at the rate of \$10 for a table with two cases. E. D. Johnston, 1003 Broadway, San Diego, Calif., is in charge. Please make reservations for bourse space with him.

ENTERTAINMENT on Friday evening is in charge of Herbert M. Bergen, Fullerton. Other than that it will combine numismatics and other features, the nature of the program being planned is not known at this time, but those who have seen Bergen in action at the meetings of the Orange County Coin Club will know that it will be both interesting and entertaining.

AUCTION again will be by Wittlin's of Carmel, at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Ralph A. Mitchell, Palo Alto, will be auctioneer.

PROGRAM, in addition to that listed above includes the banquet on Saturday evening, luncheon on Sunday at noon, and a business meeting on Sunday morning.

RESERVATIONS may be made directly with the Mar Monte Hotel, Santa Barbara, Calif. Double rooms in the hotel are \$8 per day. Rooms in the bungalow section are \$3.50 per day per person, with full occupancy of three or four persons required. Check payable to the hotel for deposit should accompany your reservation. When making reservation please mark it "CSNA".

L. C. Panosh, president, is convention general chairman. Committee assignments are incomplete, but thus far are as follows: Registration, R. G. McArthur; displays, Dr. C. L. Emmons; bourse, E. D. Johnston; program, Herbert Bergen; master of ceremonies at the banquet, Ralph Mitchell; local arrangements, J. J. O'Brien, and awards, Dr. N. A. Bowers.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the auction. Anyone willing to help please contact Everett Ostrom or Ralph Mitchell.

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Story of CSNA Seal

The seal of the California State Numismatic Association was adopted in October, 1950, by officers and directors. Invitations had been extended



members to submit ideas for a seal following a board meeting in Brea Jan. 25, 1950. January and May issues of *Calcoin News* last year asked for submissions.

The seal was drawn by no one person. Charles D. Kiser, president of the First National Bank, Santa Ana, and then vice-president of the CSNA, drew it up, using the ideas of several persons. Ideas suggested by Bob Webster, 2312 - 32nd St., Santa Monica, a youngster who is a neighbor of Carl Brainard, and by Roy Hill, San Francisco, were incorporated into the seal, other ideas being added to theirs by Kiser and others.

The lettering in the circular border and on the map of California is self-explanatory. The clipper ship sailing on the Pacific Ocean represents the early development of this State during Gold Rush days. The staff of the California Republic flag rests at Santa Barbara, where the CSNA was organized Feb. 22, 1947.

Additions to Library

Donations by C. V. Kappen, San Jose, to the CSNA Library include: Feely, Edward F. **Subsidiary Currency in the Americas 1948 and Pure Nickel Coinage 1881-1949.** N.Y.: The International Nickel Co., Inc., 1950.

Introduction to Money. The Bank of Japan, 1948 (First edition, English and Japanese languages). Ill.

Japanese Money. The Bank of Japan, September, 1949 (Published only in Japanese language).

New address of the librarian is Stewart J. Bingham, 270 E. San Jose Ave., Claremont, Calif.

Some New England ministers were paid in bars of iron in early Colonial days.

Convention Badges Will Be Necessary At Santa Barbara

The CSNA board of directors has taken action to protect you from having to pay for those few members who want to enjoy the benefits of a convention without paying the price of admission. From now on admission will be by badge; no badge, no admission.

Our conventions now offer opportunities of many sorts: exhibits, auctions, entertainment, numismatic talks, and the chance to renew acquaintances as well as to make new ones. But these very real privileges don't just happen automatically. They have to be planned, arranged, and paid for. A small group of members, functioning as committees, give their time and energy to do the work, but there are still the bills to be paid. These overhead costs of each convention are paid, in part, by the registration fee, usually \$2, charged each member when he registers and receives his badge.

Most members realize that this is a fair way to share the overhead expense. A few have persisted in refusing to register, thereby leaving their share of the cost to those who do pay. This situation can now be corrected and you are assured that when you pay your registration fee next time you need not fear that part of it will be paying for evaders.

By recent action of the board of directors, there will henceforth be a sergeant-at-arms at conventions to see that everyone wears the proper badge. All members **must register** and must wear the badge of registration to enjoy the privileges that that the convention offers.

At certain hours the public will be welcomed and every means will be taken to encourage and interest our guests. But no member may invite himself to be the "guest" of other members. Henceforth each member pays his own way!

The Cripple Creek district in Colorado has produced about \$400,000,000 worth of gold thus far.

Who's Who In California Numismatics

ROBERT G. McARTHUR

By BILL CONNELL

Robert Gordon McArthur (no relation to the "never say die, I'll just fade you" fellow) is simply called "Mac" by four of every five persons who know him. Mac is, to coin a word, a gadgeteer — if it's a gadget, a mechanical trouble, a busted chair, a sticky safe, (?) Mac is called for. Therefore, it is no wonder he was elected secretary-treasurer of the California State Numismatic Association April 8, 1951. Mac also is an ANA member.

After helping to organize it, Mac was first president of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland, and served two years in that capacity. He is Member No. 2 in the EBCC and at present serves on its board of directors. (He has no political aspirations.)

Originator of the "BBU" series, he collects "Brilliant Beat Up" specimens of U.S. large cents, tokens, medals, buttons, bits of glass, pieces of string, and other items of trivia. He also is interested in foreign coins bearing pictures of animals, birds, and fish, and lately has become interested in trade dollars of the world.

Mac began collecting coins about 30 years ago by accumulating a date set of Indian Head cents. After he had built a sizable collection, he sold it during the depression (or, as he says, gave it away) to finance a family vacation trip. He began collecting again about 10 years ago, using as a nucleus a few coins which he had saved from his original collection.

He was born June 25, 1895, in Nashville, Tenn., the son of Robert H. and Alma Hosse McArthur. His father died in 1923. His mother lives in Oakland.



Mac attended public schools in Kentucky and for two years studied engineering at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. While in high school and college he was active in sports and won letters in football, baseball, and basketball.

He was graduated from Benjamin Harrison Law School, Indianapolis, Ind., in June, 1923, with an LL.B. degree. Although admitted to the bar, Mac never actively engaged in the practice of law, because, as he says, he couldn't even lay down the law to the former Miss Lois Johnston, the gal he married in Louisville, Ky., Jan. 2, 1915. He brags of two children and one grandchild. A son, Robert G. Jr. and wife Doris live in Ukiah, Calif., where Bob Jr. is plant supervisor for the Mendocino County Title Co. Bob also is a numismatist.

A daughter, Emily, is the wife of Arlie S. Roberts and the mother of Lois A. Roberts, age 5, whom many will remember as the 2-foot blonde tyke who drew door prize tickets at the Santa Cruz convention. They are residing temporarily in San Diego, but make their permanent home in Oakland, where Arlie is employed

Friend's Letter Helps Kohler Get Assay Job

David C. Broderick and Frederick C. Kohler, firm friends, had had volunteer fire fighting experience in the east before coming to California, and each was influential in establishing San Francisco's first volunteer companies. In January, 1850, the latter was appointed chief engineer of the newly-established San Francisco Fire Department, resigning a year and a half later, having amassed a considerable fortune, as did his associate Broderick, in the manufacture of private coins.

Meanwhile, Kohler was a candidate for the office of State Assayer. The letter given below, which recently came into possession of the California Historical Society, gives evidence of the Broderick-Kohler friendship. The letter bore fruit, for on June 29, two months to the day after passage of the act creating the office of State Assayer, the Sacramento **Transcript** published the official announcement of Kohler's appointment.

San Francisco, May 2, 1850

To His Excellency
P. H. Burnett

MORE ON

ROBERT G. McARTHUR

by the Albert Engel Co., funeral directors.

Mac has one brother, retired, who lives in Los Gatos, and one sister, who lives in Oakland.

In his early years, Mac had many jobs, including stationary engineer, railroad machinist, coffee salesman, life insurance salesman, farmer, and ditch digger. He finally settled in the title insurance business and for the past 26 years has been in the employ of the Oakland Title Insurance and Guaranty Co., where he is an executive.

In addition to his coin activities, he is a member of Sigma Delta Kappa fraternity, the Masonic fraternity, and the Saturday Night Bingo Club.

Other hobbies include fishing, outboard motor boating, and the above-mentioned (we don't blame him) granddaughter.

He has absolutely no desire to hold office in any organization, but just wants to sit in a corner and play with coins.

Sir,

Mr. Kohler has sent by Mr. Van Bennen a **new** bond with additional names, among them are men who are worth three times the amount of the security required.

Mr. Sutton showed me a letter from you, requesting him to see Mr. Kohler for this purpose of ascertaining whether he had the necessary Machinery to carry the business on immediately, for the people of the state was suffering on account of the matter not being put in successful operation. I assure you, so far as Mr. Kohler is concerned, he was ready the day after he received the news of his appointment, to assay and refine as much gold as could be brought him, but he was urged by Mr. Sutton not to be in too great haste in starting the business; for he had his doubts whether it would be as profitable as he first expected, and that it was time enough to start the business after the publication of the law creating the office.

Mr. Kohler has made arrangements with Baldwin & Co., the firm that brought him out, to do all his assaying, refining and milling for the present in their shop. He has hired an office on Portsmouth Square and will be ready whenever Mr. Sutton thinks best to do business. The Democratic Party has again been successful; they have elected **all** their city officers, and have a fair prospect of electing their whole ticket. I suppose the Whigs will now be satisfied that San Francisco is Democratic. I will conclude by hoping that you and your family are enjoying excellent health, and that your administration will be as successful as your most ardent friends could wish.

I remain

Respectfully yours

D. C. Broderick

—NOTES from the California Historical Society, December, 1950.

Correspondents Notice:

Club secretaries and CSNA representatives please send accounts of meetings to L. C. Panosh, P.O. Box 1773, San Diego 12, after this issue. Panosh succeeds C. V. Kappen as editor. Major Kappen re-enters the Army this month.

Letters and Questions

Some time ago a letter was received from a collector calling attention to the fact that because the beginning collector is inexperienced, over-trusting, over-confident and defenseless, he is taken advantage of by some unscrupulous coin dealers, through overcharge, misrepresentation and even worse abuses, so that after a time a large percentage of new collectors drop the hobby, resign from clubs and associations, and, thoroughly disillusioned, lose all interest.

The writer goes on to say, "The SPCA protects stray cats and widowed sparrows. How about founding an SPCC (Society to Prevent Cruelty to Collectors), to prevent this exploiting of the beginner and save for numismatics many a man or boy, who, given time and opportunity to learn the rules of the game, will become a good collector?"

He goes on to ask why the CSNA could not set up rules and standards for dealers governing advertising, grading of coins, etc., and requiring all dealers to subscribe to them and submit to arbitration in the event of a dispute between dealer and collector.

It is a good point and a good question.

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A collector writes as follows: "What, if anything, has been done to program the building of a collection which will be representative as to countries as well as to periods of history? I am thinking of a basic collection to be augmented periodically, the same as one starts with a few cars of an electric train and then adds to it each year.

This collector is struggling with the problem of starting a collection

for his young son, a collection which will tie in with his studies, history, geography, etc., as he grows older, and he is looking for a PLAN to follow.

PLANNED collecting, as a guide for beginners, or as a goal for any collector, is desirable. It is a good point and a good question.

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A collector writes: "Is there any recognized standard of grading coins which a beginner, who is not too sure of his own knowledge of the subject can use and follow? I find that coins which I have bought as 'very fine,' for example, will, when shown to others, be judged to be perhaps only good, or fine or perhaps even extra fine. Is there any standard rule which even a beginner can understand and use?"

This beginner has run head on into what is perhaps the most debated and vexatious problem of coin collecting. Many papers have been written on the subject, and many variations of the generally accepted good, fine, uncirculated grading have been proposed.

A recent departure from this method is that to be found in the introduction to Dr. William H. Sheldon's book on large cents, wherein he explains his method of quantitative grading, using numerals instead of adjectives.

Some such method, if generally accepted and followed, might come closer to the answer than the present method where the individual judging the coin can, by adding a new adjective or superlative, change the grade of the coin to suit himself. It is a good point and a good question.

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The beginner of today is the full-fledged collector of tomorrow. It is true perhaps that the beginner who survives disillusionment and disappointments in learning 'tricks of the trade' is then better able to take care of himself; but for each one who survives, we lose 10. We could hold a good share of them if we put ourselves out just a little to help them when they need it most -- at the beginning.

SECRETARIES OF COIN CLUBS

Kindly advise your club members who are not affiliated with the CSNA or the ANA that if they desire CSNA fall auction sale catalogs, they should write for them directly to WITTLIN'S, P.O. Box 2213, Carmel, Calif.

Santa Barbara, Convention City

Santa Barbara, a most delightful California community, retains all the leisurely charm and beauty transplanted from old Spain by the monks and conquistadors who founded the city in 1770.

Ancient adobes rub elbows with modern structures in the same rich pattern of white walls and red tiles and — at Fiesta time — descendants of the dons, gay in mantillas and silver-laced sombreros, stroll the courtyards.

Because of its rare climate—warm and sunny in winter, cool and refreshing in summer—Santa Barbara glows with the beauty of a million flowers.

Santa Barbara combines both sea and mountain views and advantages. Twenty-two miles offshore and in direct view of the Mar Monte Hotel are the famous Channel Islands.

It is not surprising that in this lovely setting there should be many fine resort hotels. Among these, none is newer or more beautiful than that hacienda by the sea, the Mar Monte, CSNA convention headquarters.

Convention guests may enjoy many activities: in addition to swimming, boating, and deep-sea fishing, Santa Barbara offers almost every outdoor sport at all seasons, many distinguished social functions, and artistic and cultural attractions.



MAR MONTE HOTEL — Surrounded by ever-blooming gardens and facing one of California's finest beaches, the Mar Monte, CSNA convention headquarters, basks in old world atmosphere. Rare art treasures of Spain and Latin America add grace and something of grandeur to spacious public rooms and restful charm to guest quarters. Broad lawns and palm-shaded patios — out of town, yet only a few minutes from the heart of Santa Barbara by city motor bus — dressing rooms and showers on the beach — delightful new cottages built around pergola courts — a sun-flooded dining room with many broad windows looking across colorful gardens to the sea — large, quiet guest rooms, some with private balconies facing the Blue Pacific.

SANTA BARBARA MISSION

Known as "Queen of the Missions", it is the only mission where services have been held continuously since its founding and dedication.

Founded by Junipero Serra in 1770, it was completed in 1786.



SANTA BARBARA COURTHOUSE CLOCK TOWER AND ARCHWAY

The courthouse tower is reputed to be the most beautiful public building in the United States, and is the scene of much of the Fiesta pageantry.

Coins of the Papal States

By SIDNEY J. HAAS, *Richmond*

The first pope to coin money was Adrian I, 771-795, he having acquired this privilege of temporal sovereignty from Charlemagne.

The temporal power of the popes began during the rule of St. Zacharias, 741-752, with the gift of some land by the Byzantine emperor, further extended by a gift from Frankish King Pepin to Stephen II. Stephen II was assassinated in 898 A.D.

St. Leo III crowned Charlemagne Holy Roman Emperor, although he was secular, not holy; Frankish, not Roman; and a king, not an emperor.

Sales Tax Not New Idea

One might think that the sales tax is a modern invention, but Roman emperors employed it as a means of raising revenue as long ago as the first century B.C. A sales tax of one denarius in 100 denarii, or 1 per cent, was imposed on all goods. This varied from time to time, and under the notorious Emperor Caligula it was abolished in 39 A.D. He commemorated the occasion by issuing a small bronze coin which bears his name and the letters R.C.C., the abbreviation of *Remissa Ducentisima*, in modern language, remission of the two-hundredth, which was the rate of the purchase tax under his regime.

—Kurt Loret in PCNS Numismatic Bulletin.

Auction Proposals Invited

Dealer members of the CSNA are advised that proposals for the auction for the 1952 spring convention will be received and considered at the board meeting to be held Saturday morning, Nov. 3, at the Santa Barbara convention.

Any dealer interested may submit his proposal in writing to R. G. McArthur, secretary, or orally to the board of directors at Santa Barbara. Although the site for the 1952 spring convention has not been set definitely, it will, according to custom, be held in Northern California.

Valentine, 827, reigned only six weeks.

During the Middle Ages there often were two and sometimes three claimants to the papal throne simultaneously, and comparatively few coins were issued.

Christopher usurped the papal throne and put his predecessor, Leo V, in prison in 903. He, in turn, was ejected by Sergius III, who executed both of them in 904. Sergius restored the Lateran Basilica, the pope's cathedral. The 10th century saw 27 popes, besides various antipopes. In the 11th century only four of 18 are known to have issued coins.

From 1099 to 1303 the popes did not issue coins themselves, but left that duty in the hands of the Roman Senate — a mere shadow of the great legislature of ancient times. Actually, the papal governor of Rome, appointed by the pope with the title of senator, issued most of the coins between 1184 and 1439.

Many popes ruled only a few weeks or months. Many times there was a long interregnum between the death of a pope and the election of his successor, sometimes for two or three years. Some popes were illegally deposed, occasionally to return to the throne later. The first Jubilee or Holy Year was held in 1300 by Boniface VIII, who resumed the papal coinage.

From Clement V, 1304-1314, to Gregory XI, 1370-1378, the popes resided at Avignon, having been driven from the Eternal City by the lawlessness of its inhabitants; the latter returned, only to arouse such a dispute as to give rise to the Great Schism of the West.

Although no decision ever has been issued to the effect that any of the Great Schism popes was an antipope, the church has in effect held that those who reigned in Avignon 1378-1416 probably were.

In 1409 the Council of Pisa declared both popes, at Rome and at Avignon, to be deposed, and elected a new one. Both the former ones refused to recognize this act, and the new pope had to remain in Pisa, thus splitting the church three ways in-

stead of two. Then the emperor called a new council at Constance, which declared all three popes to be deposed in 1415, and in 1417 elected a new one, Martin V.

The popes who reigned in Pisa before this deposition have been included, however, in the official list of popes, even though there was a "legitimate" one sitting in Rome at the same time. All the cardinals appointed by all three lines of popes were recognized and continued in office.

The first *Sede Vacante* coins were issued in 1370; the first Jubilee coins in 1450, by Nicholas V. Alexander VI (Borgia) is said to have originated the Holy Door ceremonies in jubilee years, in 1500. The first piastra or silver scudo

was issued by Sixtus V, 1585-1590. Innocent X, 1644-1655, issued the first scudo showing the pope wearing the tiara. In 1700, Jubilee coins were issued by Innocent XII and by Clement XI, as well as by Cardinal Spinola during the *Sede Vacante*.

In 1798-1799 the pope fled from Rome, which was occupied by French troops. The Roman Republic coined money at the Roman mint. Again, in 1807-1814, came French occupation, and the Roman state was annexed to the French Empire, which coined French Imperial coins at Rome in 1812-1813. Again, in 1849, the pope left Rome during the regime of another Roman Republic, which issued its own coins there. After 1859-1861 all the northeastern papal territories were lost by the pope, and they became parts of the Kingdom of Italy in 1861.

The pope continued to rule the *Patrimonium Petri* (the state surrounding Rome) until 1870. Napoleon III of France stationed troops there to prevent the Kingdom from annexing it, until the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 forced their withdrawal. The kingdom then annexed Rome, which has been Italy's principal mint ever since. In 1866, the *Patrimonium Petri* having become flooded with the new-model Italian coinage, the pope changed the papal coinage to conform with it.

With the termination of the papal temporal sovereignty over Rome in 1870, the papal coinage came to an end, and only medals were issued. Not until the Treaty of the Vatican was signed by Mussolini in 1929 was this situation changed.

This treaty recognized the pope as the temporal sovereign over the Vatican Palace and its grounds (1/6 square mile), and gave him extra-territorial rights over church properties elsewhere. It gave him the right to issue his own postage stamps and coins, giving them legal tender value in Italian territory; but a limit was placed on the amount of coins to be made in any one year. The only exception was to be in the case of a *Sede Vacante*, a special issue of coins being made regardless of any amount of other coins having been issued.



PIUS VI — 5-baiocchi, 1797. Obsidional piece struck during French occupation of Civita-Vecchia, 1796-1797. Obv.: Sancta Dei Genitrix. In the October, 1926, *Numismatist*, there is illustrated an Indian Head cent showing three impressions of the die, with the comment by Farran Zerbe, "It is the only specimen I ever saw with three impressions". The 5-baiocchi copper piece pictured here, in the collection of C. V. Kappen, brings the number of known specimens to two. Coin actual size.

COINAGE OF THE PAPAL STATES AND THE VATICAN CITY STATE

- 1184-1250 Roman Senate, denaro provisino, 1184-1250. The popes did not issue coins between 1099 and 1303. These senatorial issues were supplied to the Papal States.
- 1362-1370 Urban V, denaro, Rome. Resided at Avignon, France.
- 1370-1378 Gregory XI, denaro, Rome.
- 1464-1471 Paul II.
- 1492-1503 Alexander VI (Borgia), giulio, Rome; grosso, The Marches.
- 1534-1539 Paul III.
- 1550-1555 Julius III (1550 Holy Year).
- 1555-1559 Paul IV, grosso, Ancona.
- 1559 SEDE VACANTE, giulio, Rome. Such coins as these commemorate the interregnum between popes, during which the conclave sits to elect a new pontiff, and the papal chamberlain is the prefect who governs. The coins bear his coat of arms, and sometimes his name and titles.
- 1572-1585 Gregory XIII, quattrino. Macerata.
- 1592-1605 Clement VIII, Rome and Avignon.
- 1605-1621 Paul V, testone, Rome; bolognino, Bologna; quattrino, Ferrara.
- 1621-1623 Gregory XV.
- 1623-1644 Urban VIII, 1643 scudo.
- 1644-1655 Innocent X, 1645 scudo.
- 1670-1676 Clement X, 1672 scudo; 1673 scudo showing Blessed Pius V.
- 1676 SEDE VACANTE, scudo.
- 1676-1689 Innocent XI, scudo (2); testone.
- 1689-1691 Alexander VIII, 1690 testone.
- 1691-1700 Innocent XII, mezzo scudo, testone; Holy Year 1700.
- 1700 SEDE VACANTE, Holy Year scudo. Innocent XII opened the Holy Door, while Clement XI closed it, and three different Jubilee coinages were issued.
- 1700-1721 Clement XI.
- 1721-1724 Innocent XIII.
- 1724-1730 Benedict XIII, quattrino; 1727 baiocco, Gubbio.
- 1730-1740 Clement XII, testone.
- 1740 SEDE VACANTE, baiocco of Geronimo Cardinal Colonna, prefect and governor of the conclave.
- 1740-1758 Benedict XIV, 1749 testone; 1748 baiocchi; quattrino, Ravenna.
- 1758-1769 Clement XIII, 1765 $\frac{1}{2}$ -testone.
- 1769-1774 Clement XIV, 1773 testone.
- 1775-1799 Pius VI, 1778 5-bolognini, Bologna; 1775 $\frac{1}{2}$ -scudo; 4-baiocchi of Perugia; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -baiocchi of Viterbo and San Severino.
- 1800-1823 Pius VII, 1815 scudo; 1818 scudo of Bologna.
- 1823-1829 Leo XII, 1825 scudo, Bologna.
- 1830 SEDE VACANTE, scudo, 30-baiocchi.
- 1830-1846 Gregory XVI, 1834 scudo, 50-baiocchi, 20-baiocchi, 5-baiocchi; and 1840 scudo.
- 1846 SEDE VACANTE, scudo.
- 1846-1878 Pius IX, 1853 scudo; 1865 20-baiocchi; 1862 10-baiocchi; 1853 5-baiocchi; 1870 5-lire; 1866 2-lire, 1 lira, 10-soldi, 4-soldi.
- 1922-1939 Pius XI, 1929-39 Vatican City series, 10- and 5-lire silver; 2- and 1-lire, 50- and 20-centesimi nickel; 10- and 5-centesimi bronze. Similar, 1933-34 Holy Year set. A 100-lire gold piece was issued.
- 1939 SEDE VACANTE, 10- and 5-lire silver, Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli.
- 1939- Pius XII, gold 100-lire, silver 10- and 5-lire, nickel 2- and 1-lire, 50- and 20-centesimi (later steel), bronze 10- and 5-centesimi (later brass), comprise the first type. Second type includes the same. Third type 10-, 5-, 2- and 1-lire aluminum, none smaller. Fourth type, new designs for the 1950 Holy Year.

California Club News, Views, and Whos

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB. — Thirty members and guests attended the June 13 meeting in Joslyn Hall, at Wilshire and Lincoln Blvds., Santa Monica.

Pres. Ben Schwartz called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. and immediately introduced Joe Bloek, program chairman for the month. Bloek conducted a round-table discussion which was highlighted by a talk on "Broken Bank Notes" by Max Boggs, visiting president of the Los Angeles Coin Club. Max Wedertz gave an interesting talk on Hawaiian coins. All talks were accompanied by fine displays.

An auction was conducted by Jim Miladin and Adolph Larson Jr. For the convenience of members, Bloek made uncirculated coins available to members at face values.

—Harry S. Davidson.

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EAST BAY COIN CLUB, Oakland.

— ANA slides of Colonial coins and currency were shown at the Aug. 10 club meeting. Pres. A. W. Ritchie supplied the commentary and E. A. Parker operated the projector. Fifty persons attended.

President Ritchie displayed two books purchased for the library:

Bullowa's *The Commemorative Coinage of the United States* and Zimmerman's *Christian Teaching of Coin Mottoes*.

Prof. C. V. Kappen served as program

chairman, and gave his farewell to the club for the time being. Professor Kappen will become Major Kappen, U.S. Army, in September.

Exhibits: A. W. Ritchie, Colonial coins and notes; Jim Rogers, "mystery" coin; Tom Twohey, English pattern piece; Earl Parker, Colonial coins; Arnold Rosing, Canadian silver dollars; and Prof. C. V. Kappen, a complete type set in all denominations of English regal copper and bronze coins. Jim Rogers won the \$1 prize for the most interesting talk on his exhibit. Charles Steele and Sidney Haas were judges.

The auction was conducted by Ed Fogler, after which refreshments were served.

The Rev. David Stowe, associate

pastor of the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, was speaker at the July 13 meeting. The Rev. Stowe discussed forms of currency used in China during the communist conquest and related some of his experiences under the Chinese currency inflation.

Jim Rogers, program chairman, appointed Ralph Mitchell and Frank Galvin to judge talks on members' exhibits. The undecided judges finally split the \$1 prize in an interesting manner — 10 cents to Ed Fogler and 90 cents to Pres. A. W. Ritchie, who in turn donated their prize to the refreshment fund.

Ritchie exhibited Chinese notes; Fogler, foreign coins. Other exhibits: Dennis Olswang, coin books; Frank Galvin, inflationary money; Bill Smith, Indian Head cents; John Ohls, Chinese commemoratives; and Earl Parker, 1951S coins, Chinese dollars and half-dollars.

A refreshment committee appointed for the August meeting was composed of Earl Parker, Col. Steele, and R. G. McArthur.

The auction was conducted by Earl A. Parker. Refreshments were served.

—Antoinette Connell, Secretary.

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LONG BEACH COIN CLUB. —

S. M. Koepfel addressed the 14th club meeting July 17 on Biblical coins. The meeting was held at 951 Locust Ave., Long Beach.

Koepfel discussed the tribute penny and the widow's mite, quoting verses from the Bible where they were referred to. The coins were passed around for inspection. The speaker quoted a price of several thousand dollars for a set of Biblical coins.

One member said that it took him 30,000 dimes to acquire a full set of Morgan dimes in 1938, and that Charles Ruby purchased them.

Forty-four members and two guests were present. Three new members joined us.

Forty-one members and three guests attended the 11th meeting June 19 at 951 Locust Ave., Long Beach.

The annual election was held and



the following officers were elected: President, John C. Yribarne; vice-president, E. A. Morrison; secretary-treasurer, James Cotton. William Buttrum, Henry Chambers, S. C. Johnson, James Matsen, and Harold McCabe were elected to the board of directors. Charles L. Ruby installed the officers.

Ruby gave an inspiring talk on the aims of the ANA, on coin collecting as a hobby, and on historical knowledge gained from a study of coins.

—John C. Yribarne, President.

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LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB. —

Charlie Carrol addressed the Aug. 3 meeting on "How To Become a Successful Coin Dealer". He was introduced by Max Boggs, president.

Charlie asserted that he has made well over a million and that his formula can be applied to everyone. His presentation in this vein brought many laughs.

Joe Block suggested that all clubs in the general Los Angeles area unite each year in one outstanding banquet rather than hold the usual individual club banquets.

We of the LACC are proud to have as a member Michael P. Carey, 1218 Mullen Ave., L.A., who, after some 50 years in numismatics, has published, and was present to autograph his excellent book, "Emperors of Rome". Practically all the illustrations in the book are from his own excellent collection of the Roman series.

As usual, Vreeland H. Fraser, La Canada, displayed his gold collection which he has housed in a specially-built portable case, complete with lighting arrangements.

Adolph Larson conducted the auction.

Members of other clubs are welcome to attend our meetings, which are held the first Friday each month at 1329 S. Hope St. in Central Los Angeles.

George Bennett presided over the July 6 meeting in the absence of Max Boggs. Bennett introduced Dr. Charles Harbeck, whose quiz on U.S. coins was much enjoyed. Dr. Harbeck not only mimeographed the quiz, but provided three handsome prizes. The discussion was so active that a young man who tied for first place told me afterwards that all he had done was just listen! The quiz

dealt mainly with unusual and often mythical animals, etc., on the silver and gold commemorative series.

Bennett assisted Adolph Larson with the auction.

Dealers present complained of the lack of good collections to build up stocks, and pointed to the various auctions as about the only available sources of high class foreign and domestic material.

V. E. Jenkins found it necessary to resign as secretary because of his assignment to a night shift. The writer is completing his term.

—William D. Koonce, Secretary.

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ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB,

Brea. — The 158th monthly meeting was held in the Brea Woman's Club-house July 25. President Rich presided over 82 members and guests. Three new members joined.

Adolph Larson spoke on "A Pound of Butter for a Nail". The title of his talk was derived from the custom originating in American Colonial times when nails, hand-wrought by blacksmiths, were scarce and often were used as money in the barter of goods. A nail was known as one, two, or more pennies, according to its equivalent value in terms of the English penny, which was the common money medium of exchange in the colonies. The term has been applied to nails ever since that time. Larson displayed a full set of these early colonial square nails, ranging from one to 20 pennies.

Dr. C. Glen Curtis presided over the 157th meeting June 27. Eighty members and guests were present.

A moment of silence was observed in tribute to Mrs. Joe Steele, who died recently after a long illness.

The club gave unanimous approval of a motion by Dr. C. L. Emmons endorsing the candidacy of Charles L. Ruby for re-election as ANA governor. Joe Steele, membership secretary, presented a record number of seven membership applications.

Abe Kosoff, Beverly Hills, spoke on "Numismatics in General". Commencing with ancient coins, he listed five coins including the shekel and widow's mite which he said form the foundation for a collection of this type. Next he considered U.S. colonial coins and listed five, including the Fugio cent and Spanish piece of

eight, which he regards as a nucleus for such a collection.

In the field of foreign coins, Kosoff mentioned various types which he suggests as a starter in this broad field. One coin mentioned was the ducat of Nuremberg, and another, the Japanese gold oban, world's largest gold coin.

Joe Steele conducted the auctions both evenings.

—H. M. Bergen, Secretary.

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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, San Francisco. — Lieut. Comdr. H. F. Bowker and N. Slobod-



chikoff spoke on "Coins of China" at the July 25 meeting. The speakers were introduced by Prof. C. V. Kappen, San Jose, who served as program chairman.

The speakers made interesting displays of Chinese coins from their collections.

Secretary Fogler was instructed to order five display cases for club exhibits.

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The 423rd meeting of the society was held June 27 with 28 members and eight guests present. Jack Hecht presided.

Six floor lamps purchased since the May meeting lighted up coin displays effectively. It was decided that two more would be bought. It also was decided that the club acquire permanent display cases. The secretary was instructed to look into the matter and report at the July meeting. It was the will of the society that an article by Eduard Kann on Chinese coins be published in one issue of the Numismatic Bulletin.

A spirited auction was conducted by Earl A. Parker.

Members displayed coins having some connection with the letter "B", and described their exhibits in round-table fashion. President Hecht talked on the Buffalo nickel and stressed that this coin depicts our great past and that the Indian and Buffalo are symbols of the American nation. Secretary Fogler talked on coins of Belgium and Brazil.

Exhibits: Clifford Bloom, gold coins of Belgium, Britain, and Brunswick-Luneburg; Edward Fogler, complete sets of the 20th century coins of Belgium and Brazil; Jack

Hecht, complete set uncirculated Buffalo nickels; Roy Hill, PCNS 25th anniversary medal of 1940 (only 40 struck), Hawaiian coins of 1883 and plantation tokens of 1870 and 1880, Russian postage currency, and Austrian postage stamps used as change for cigarette purchases; Charles V. Kappen, 1/64 ducat of Nuremberg, Bavaria, said to be the world's smallest gold coin; Kurt Loret, ancient coins of Bruttium; Milton Strauch, coins of many countries beginning with "B"; John Ohls, commemorative coins of Bulgaria; E. A. Parker, coins of 25 "B" countries; Thomas Twohey, British crowns; Erich Werling, crown-size coins of Brazil, Spanish milled dollars, and 4000 reis of Brazil, 1900.

—Edward Fogler, Secretary.

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REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB, Santa Rosa. — Twenty members and 11 guests attended the 26th club meeting July 17 in the Tap Room of Grace Bros. Brewery. Bob Anderson presided.

Prof. Charles V. Kappen, San Jose, and Edward Fogler, San Francisco, were speakers. Professor Kappen spoke on coin collecting in general and told of activities of the CSNA. Fogler described a collection of coins which he displayed.

Membership applications were accepted for Charles B. Steele, 2269 Summer St., Berkeley; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kramer, Rt. 2, Box 65, Healdsburg; and Klipper E. Mills, 912 Beaver St., Santa Rosa. Edward Fogler, Mr. Darbro, Eric Lassen, and Mr. Wathen became members.

Henry Wrede's suggestion that we hold our meetings at a regular time and place was unanimously endorsed. Members will go to other towns whenever we can, but as guests and at times other than our regular meeting nights.

A movement was begun to bring the CSNA convention to Santa Rosa.

Elmer Sandborn stated that this meeting was more like it, and that the talks this night filled a void in our meetings.

Earl Parker conducted the auction.

William Lambert, publicity chairman, placed two articles in the **Democrat**.

Frank X. Galvin, Robert Patterson, William Smith, and Earl Parker brought beautiful coins to the meeting. Galvin sold an 1852 \$10 pioneer

gold coin to the writer, who certainly is proud of it.

Bob Hetland conducted the auction and exchange department for the first time.

Fifteen members and five guests attended the June 19 meeting at Grace Bros. Tap Room, Santa Rosa. Bob Anderson presided.

The idea of meeting every other time in another town is paying off, as we have added five new members in the last two meetings.

Ralph Mitchell, director and former president of the CSNA, was welcomed as speaker. Members asked him many questions which he answered well.

The club was agreeably surprised to learn that a member, Guy Chapman, has been appointed to the ANA papers committee, on which five members serve.

A question brought before the club, "Is the ANA worth a collector's time?" was answered by Henry Wrede. One example of benefit, Wrede said, was that he sold three rolls of coins to a **Numismatist** advertiser that netted him enough profit to pay ANA dues for 35 years.

A table was established for the sale and exchange of coins, and Bob Hetland was appointed to be in charge of it. Material for sale or exchange must be turned in to him at least three days before a meeting.

Adjournment was at 10:30 p.m., but members remained until midnight enjoying refreshments furnished by Grace Bros. Brewery.

—Guy L. Chapman, Secretary.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB. — Eighteen members and two guests attended the July 18 meeting at the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce office.

Plans were made for the annual banquet Sept. 20 at the Ontario YMCA. Dr. C. L. Emmons was appointed chairman of the event. George Reggen said that his music students would be glad to supply the program.

It was announced that the August meeting would be held in conjunction with the Orange County Coin Club, so that members could attend their special auction. The regular meeting of the SBCCC was cancelled.

Lloyd Blue spoke on the director

of the mint, Nellie Taylor Ross. He explained that she handles raw materials as well as the finished products of the mints. Her care in this respect has saved taxpayers millions of dollars. This year she shocked Congress by asking for an appropriation of one million dollars less than last year. Her pet peeve is the 1943 zinc cent, although it saved tons of copper. Her favorite coin is the U.S. trade dollar.

Fifteen members and guests assembled at the home of a member for the 36th club meeting June 21. The Chamber of Commerce office, regular meeting place, was unavailable for this meeting only.

George Reggen, Ontario, was introduced by Fred Smith and was admitted to club membership.

It was announced that three club members had received National Coin Week awards.

Fred Coops talked on pioneer gold, especially that of Salt Lake City. He displayed a Mormon \$5 gold piece from this interesting period of numismatic history.

The meeting was concluded with the awarding of several door prizes, the holding of an auction, and a gab session. —Bryan Burke, Secretary.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. — The 172nd meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society was called to order by Vice-President James Crouthamel with 31 members and three visitors present. Among those present was Mr. White who had just returned from Korea. He showed a collection of Chinese coins he had found in Seoul. Eugene Johnston made report on the forthcoming CSNA convention at Santa Barbara. A poll of members showed that seven plan to attend the ANA convention in Phoenix. Following the business meeting, L. C. Panosh made a short talk on "The History of Nickel and Its Use in Coinage", followed by a quiz panel in which Messrs. Tom Ward, White, and Arthur Vigneault participated. Ward carried away the honors. The meeting closed with refreshments of punch, coffee and cookies.

The July meeting was held at Dartlee Hall with 40 members and visitors present. In the absence of Col. Newton who has been transferred to duty on the east coast,

James Crouthamel, vice-president, presided. Following the business meeting, those present were entertained with a play back of the wire recording made of proceedings at the 14th annual anniversary dinner meeting June 5. Refreshments were served following the meeting, and members enjoyed an informal social hour, viewing exhibits and meeting one another. S. J. Kabealo, Pasadena, paid us a surprise visit.

—Eugene D. Johnston.

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SAN JOSE COIN CLUB.—Edward Fogler, PCNS secretary, addressed the Aug. 6 meeting on "The History and Coinage of the German Empire", and displayed many German coins. Twenty-one persons were present.

After a recess, the auction was conducted by Fogler.

Rudy Gjurovich, who participates in many Northern California parades as comic, told of the Central Valley Project celebration at Tracy. Gjurovich planned to present the world's smallest gold coin with portrait, the Guatemala 4-reales piece of 1860, to Governor Earl Warren. When the governor's name was called, the mayor of Tracy stood up and Rudy gave his coin to the wrong man. He learned later that Governor Warren

was not in attendance.

The September meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 4, because of the Labor Day holiday.

Eighteen persons attended the July meeting. Dr. Nathan A. Bowers of Atherton, CSNA director, was a guest.

President Charles V. Kappen presented Earl A. Parker, who conducted a round-table discussion of questions and answers covering coin information and history.

George F. Kohl, secretary, announced signing of the contract for club space at the Santa Clara County Fair in September. It was voted to have 1000 cards advertising the club meeting time and place printed for distribution at the fair booth.

Edward Fogler, San Francisco, joined the club.

An auction of 24 lots was very successfully disposed of by our genial auctioneer, Earl A. Parker.

Exhibits were made by Edward Fogler, Vincent Guarnera, Charles V. Kappen, George F. Kohl, and E. A. Parker. Charles V. Kappen, Vincent Guarnera, and Ira D. Soper donated booklets to the club library.

—George F. Hodges.

From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

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465	BALBINI, Arthur J.	Box 1954A, Route 3, La Fayette, Calif.
469	CHAPMAN, Guy L.	801 Benton St., Santa Rosa, Calif.
466	CROSMAN, Don D.	598 22nd St., Oakland, Calif.
463	MAPE, E. T.	Route 8, Box 936B, Modesto, Calif.
462	ROGERS, James L.	342 Park Way, Chula Vista, Calif.
464	WAGLER, Thomas A.	4873 Biona Dr., San Diego 16, Calif.
467	WREDE, Henry T.	912 Wright St., Santa Rosa, Calif.

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210	BAVAIRD, Harold G.	696 Las Casas, Pacific Palisades, Calif.
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450	HAAS, Sidney J.	Box 97, Pt. R. Sta., Richmond, Calif.
454	LODGE, Lesley G.	Apt. 4, 935 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, Calif.
370	ROGERS, J. H.	5712 Strobridge Ave., Castro Valley, Calif.
191	STRAUCH, Milton C.	77 Westbrook Ave., Daly City, Calif.

DELINQUENT DUES

Members now total 341, of whom 302 are fully paid up and in good standing. If you are one of the 39 delinquent members, won't you please send in your 1951 dues as soon as possible to the secretary, R. G. McArthur, 2419 Humboldt Ave., Oakland 1, Calif.?